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## *Powers and Duties of County Health Officers Extended*

The attention of health officers is drawn to Chapter 725, Acts of 1935, relative to amended sections of the Political Code pertaining to powers and duties of county health officers. Under the provisions of this law it is possible to establish public health service in many communities where such service is now lacking. The act reads as follows:

### CHAPTER 725.

*An act to amend sections 4225 and 4225a of the Political Code, both relating to the powers and duties of county health officers.*

[Approved by the Governor July 20, A.D. 1935.]

*The people of the State of California do enact as follows:*

SECTION 1. Section 4225 of the Political Code is hereby amended to read as follows:

4225. The board of supervisors shall appoint in each county, a health officer, who shall be deemed an employee and not a county officer, and whose duty it shall be to enforce and observe in the unincorporated territory of his county, all orders and ordinances of the board of supervisors, pertaining to public health and sanitary matters, all orders, quarantine regulations, and rules prescribed by the State Board of Health, and all statutes relating to the public health and to vital statistics and, upon the council or other legislative body of any incorporated city or town or chartered city within such county consenting thereto by resolution or ordinance, it shall be the duty of said health officer to enforce and

observe in such incorporated city or town or chartered city all orders, quarantine regulations and rules prescribed by the State Board of Health and all statutes relating to the public health and to vital statistics. Such resolution or ordinance must be passed and adopted and a certified copy thereof served on the clerk of the board of supervisors on or before the first day of March of any year and the services of such county health officer in such city or town shall commence on the first day of July next succeeding the giving of such notice, and shall continue indefinitely until and unless such council or other legislative body of such city or town or chartered city shall, by resolution or ordinance terminate same, in which event a certified copy of such resolution or ordinance shall be served on the clerk of the board of supervisors on or before the first day of March of any subsequent year, whereupon such services of such county health officer shall terminate on the first day of July immediately succeeding the giving of such notice. In the event of major disaster or other emergency, the council or other legislative body of any city or town or chartered city which has not so consented by resolution shall have the power to contract with the board of supervisors of the county within which such city is located for the performance by the health officer of any and all functions relating to public health.

He shall give to the duties of his office such time and attention as may be necessary to secure general supervision of all matters pertaining to the health and sanitary condition of the county, and when so required by the board of supervisors he shall give all of his time to such duties. He shall be a graduate



of a medical college of good standing and repute, shall hold office for a term of one year, and shall receive for his services such sum as may be determined by the board of supervisors.

Immediately after the appointment of such health officer the board of supervisors shall notify the Secretary of the State Board of Health of such appointment and the name and address of such appointee.

The board of supervisors shall adopt orders and ordinances necessary for the preservation of the public health in the unincorporated territory of the county, not in conflict with general laws, and provide for the payment of all expenses incurred in enforcing the same.

For any unincorporated town, when public necessity requires such action, the board of supervisors may appoint a special health officer who shall, in such town, under the supervision of the county health officer, exercise all necessary diligence in executing the ordinances, rules, and regulations of the board of supervisors, or the State Board of Health, relating to health and sanitary matters. His term of office and compensation shall be fixed by the board of supervisors, and he shall receive as his compensation for services, unless in this title otherwise provided, not to exceed one hundred dollars in any one year.

The provisions of this section shall not apply to any county, or portion thereof, or any incorporated city or town, or chartered city included within any local health district organized in pursuance of the provisions of Chapter 571 of the Statutes of 1917.

The provisions of this section shall not apply to cities of the first and one-half class.

SEC. 2. Section 4225a of the Political Code is hereby amended to read as follows:

4225a. The board of supervisors of any county shall have power to contract with any incorporated city or town or chartered city within such county, and such incorporated city, town or chartered city therein, through its board of trustees, council or other legislative body, shall have power to contract with such county for the performance by health officers or other employees of county health departments of any or all functions relating to, the enforcement in such city of all ordinances thereof relating to public health and sanitation, and the making of all inspections and the performance of all functions in connection therewith. Whenever such contract has been duly entered into, the county health officer and his deputies shall thereupon exercise the same powers and duties within such city or town or chartered city as are conferred upon health officers thereof by law. In any such contract the city, town or chartered city shall have power and authority to provide for the payment by such incorporated city or town or chartered city to the county of such consideration as may be agreed upon, the same to be paid to the county treasurer of the county, which compensation shall be payable at such times as shall be specified and shall be in an amount to repay such county for the entire cost to it of the services required in the enforcement of said ordinances under the terms of such contract to be performed for such city, as nearly as the same can be estimated or ascertained.

The board of supervisors of any county may contract with any incorporated city or town or chartered city within such county, through its board of trustees, council or other legislative body, to secure the performance by the health officer or other health department employees of such city, town or chartered city, in any unincorporated territory adjacent thereto, of any or all functions relating to public health. Payment for said services in such unincorporated territory shall be made by the county to the city treasurer of such city or town or chartered city.

Said contracts may further provide for the care and support, including medical attendance, of indigent sick, and for compensation therefor.

The provisions of this section shall not apply to cities of the first and one-half class.

### TO DO

So many worlds, so much to do.—Tennyson.

"Doing is activity," said the Constable of France regarding Louis, the Dauphin, "and he will still be doing." Again, in another play of the great bard, Claudio exclaims: "What men daily do, not knowing what they do!" That short word, often on our lips, conveys many meanings, now signifying action, as in Robert Burns' line: "Let us do or die," now concerned with inaction, as in the idiom: I have done with weeping.

The opposite poles of the word are further illustrated in the expression: do a favor, and do the tenderfoot; do the man good, and do him to death; do reverence, and do mischief. We salute our friends by saying: How do you do? The student does an algebra problem, does sentences out of Latin into English, and so doing may do himself proud.

Various uses of the word occur in the following narration: The girls don their hats (do on), later doff them (do off), hasten to do their hair prettily, do their duty, which includes doing the meat in the oven thoroughly, and finally set out to do the town.

The art of living involves knowing what to do, how to do it, and doing it. The dreamer's vision, if it turns out to be useful to society, must be translated into action. Hence Fletcher's words:

Be but yourself,  
And do not talk, but do.

Initiative and will are indispensable on the long paths of business and learning. So we cope with the world and achieve. By dint of proper doing, if old English lore may be trusted, we become healthy, wealthy, and wise.—L. J. R., University of California Extension Division.

The New is the child of the Old.—Leon J. Richardson.



**FOOD INSPECTORS ARE ACTIVE**

Following is a resume of the activities of state food inspectors during January:

**ANTIPASTO**

Following reports of suspected cases of poisoning from the use of spoiled antipasto in San Francisco last December, efforts have been expended toward clearing up quarantined stocks of this product. All cans showing visible defects have now been destroyed and those that have proved satisfactory after laboratory examination have been released from quarantine and returned to the wholesaler.

**LIQUOR SURVEY**

Routine inspection details were formulated and many "On Sale" liquor inspections were made. Violations were noted, particularly in the use of carbonated wines in champagne drinks, the selling of herbsaint, absentine, etc., for absinthe, and the general use of blended and spirit whiskies for bar and mixed drinks. Further violations include the use of a domestic blend of Scotch for Scotch whiskey, and the serving of cordials for fruit brandies. One instance of mislabeled beer was found. In checking "Off Sale" liquor establishments there were numerous violations noted. In the case of barrels it was noted that many wineries leave off the declaration of alcoholic content, or the date of delivery. In general, it is noted that the requirements of labeling have not been adhered to. It was also noted that in the case of bottled wines improper declaration of alcoholic contents was in many cases evident.

Routine inspections of wineries were made. Stocks on hand were checked, and labels to be used on products were checked. Constant effort is being made to clear records of wine being held in quarantine. In one case court action was taken, and the owner of the wine was found not guilty. The wine in question was destroyed by order of the court.

As a result of legislation passed by the last legislature, a plan to inspect rectifiers and manufacturers was started and many inspections of rectifiers were made, their products and labels checked.

**IMPORTED EGGS**

The use of imported egg products continues in rather large quantities in that in the past month 46 cases of 200 lbs. each were inspected and certificates affixed to the cases inspected. In the case of a noodle manufacturer investigated during the month of December, a complaint was issued by the district attorney of San Diego County and the trial of this case will be held in February. The defendants

entered a plea of not guilty to violating the provisions of the act.

**FOOD PRODUCTS DESTROYED**

After every effort had been made to salvage food products unfit for human consumption, there were destroyed, during January, chestnuts, dog food, tomato puree, macaroni, wine and dried peaches. The chestnuts were destroyed because they were moldy, as was the tomato puree. The other products were destroyed because of infestation, adulteration and mislabeling.

**PROSECUTIONS**

The proprietor of a vintage company in Los Angeles was prosecuted during January for selling wine that did not conform to the food standards. He was found guilty upon four counts, was fined a total of \$2,000 and sentenced to serve a total of six months in the county jail.

A Chinese restaurant proprietor in Sacramento was fined \$100 for serving adulterated wine.

**MORE BIRTHS, DEATHS AND MARRIAGES**

Provisional figures on births, deaths and marriages in 1935 indicate conspicuous increases, particularly in marriages and deaths. Estimates of population, at the present time, constitute only guesswork. No one knows how many people live in California at the present time. In preparing the provisional rates for 1935, we have used the same percentage of increase to California that the United States Bureau of the Census applied to the population of the United States. This adds about 100,000 to the population of the state as estimated for 1934 at mid-year.

**BIRTHS**

Numbers		Rates per 1,000 population	
1935	1934	1935	1934
80,225	78,442	12.8	12.7

**DEATHS**

72,472	68,091	11.6	11.1
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**MARRIAGES**

56,582	51,924	9.0	8.4
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**MORBIDITY**

Complete Reports for Following Diseases for Week Ending February 29, 1936

**Chickenpox**

855 cases: Alameda County 2, Alameda 15, Berkeley 4, Oakland 37, Piedmont 14, Contra Costa County 2, Antioch 2, Martinez 6, Richmond 1, Fresno County 17, Fresno 28, Orland 1, Humboldt County 1, Kern County 18, Bakersfield 10, Kings County 1, Hanford 1, Lassen County 1, Los Angeles County 80, Alhambra 4, Burbank 7, Claremont 1, Compton 8, Covina 1, Glendale 12, Glendora 5, Huntington Park 11, La Verne 3, Long Beach 18, Los Angeles 94, Montebello 3, Pasadena 8, Pomona 1, San Gabriel 13, Santa Monica 7, South Pasadena 2, Whittier 10, Lynwood 1, South Gate 2, Madera County 15, Merced County 11, Merced 9, Modoc County 1, Pacific Grove 1, Orange County



37, Anaheim 9, Fullerton 10, Orange 9, Santa Ana 6, La Habra 8, Placentia 12, Riverside County 1, Riverside 1, Sacramento County 5, Sacramento 20, Ontario 10, San Bernardino 4, San Diego County 9, Chula Vista 1, Coronado 1, Escondido 2, San Diego 20, San Francisco 70, San Joaquin County 13, Lodi 1, Stockton 10, San Luis Obispo 1, San Mateo County 10, Santa Barbara County 3, Santa Barbara 5, Santa Clara County 3, Palo Alto 9, San Jose 19, Shasta County 2, Sonoma County 7, Stanislaus County 4, Modesto 9, Red Bluff 1, Tulare County 4, Dinuba 7, Exeter 1, Lindsay 3, Porterville 1, Ventura County 5, Fillmore 4, Yolo County 4, Woodland 5.

#### Diphtheria

41 cases: Imperial County 4, Brawley 2, El Centro 1, Westmoreland 1, Los Angeles County 4, El Monte 1, Long Beach 1, Los Angeles 7, Sacramento 2, San Bernardino 1, La Mesa 2, San Diego 2, Santa Barbara 9, Siskiyou County 1, Santa Rosa 1, Turlock 1, Tulare County 1.

#### German Measles

351 cases: Alameda County 25, Alameda 3, Albany 2, Berkeley 43, Hayward 2, Oakland 28, Piedmont 4, San Leandro 2, Contra Costa County 4, Hercules 1, Martinez 23, Pinole 2, Richmond 1, El Dorado County 1, Fresno County 6, Orland 1, Kern County 2, Taft 1, Los Angeles County 10, Alhambra 1, Glendale 3, Huntington Park 2, Long Beach 56, Los Angeles 26, Pasadena 5, King City 3, Napa County 2, Orange County 10, Anaheim 1, Fullerton 1, Huntington Beach 2, Santa Ana 29, Riverside County 2, Riverside 13, Sacramento 1, San Bernardino County 1, San Bernardino 1, San Diego 3, San Francisco 15, San Luis Obispo County 1, Santa Clara County 2, Gilroy 3, San Jose 1, Dixon 1, Vallejo 1, Sonoma County 1, Petaluma 3.

#### Influenza

1925 cases: Alameda 1, Berkeley 36, Oakland 7, Butte County 5, Gridley 7, Richmond 1, Placerville 1, Kern County 553, Bakersfield 3, Hanford 28, Lake County 7, Los Angeles County 64, Alhambra 1, Burbank 1, Claremont 7, Glendale 3, Inglewood 1, Long Beach 20, Los Angeles 204, Montebello 1, Pasadena 8, Pomona 2, South Pasadena 1, Whittier 6, Hawthorne 1, South Gate 5, Monterey Park 4, Madera County 90, Napa 1, Grass Valley 14, Nevada City 51, Orange County 14, Fullerton 3, Laguna Beach 2, Riverside 3, Sacramento County 10, Sacramento 68, San Benito County 134, San Bernardino County 1, San Francisco 18, San Luis Obispo County 18, Paso Robles 17, San Luis Obispo 33, Santa Barbara County 5, Santa Barbara 2, Santa Clara County 345, Gilroy 36, Mountain View 27, San Jose 3, Sunnyvale 1, Willow Glen 17, Siskiyou County 1, Sonoma County 20, Stanislaus County 5, Sutter County 1, Tulare County 1, Lindsay 1, Ventura County 2, Santa Paula 1, Ventura 1, Yolo County 1.

#### Malaria

One case: Placer County.

#### Measles

2610 cases: Alameda 13, Albany 10, Berkeley 27, Hayward 1, Oakland 125, Piedmont 30, San Leandro 10, Butte County 5, Chico 6, Gridley 5, Colusa County 2, Colusa 1, Contra Costa County 4, Pittsburg 2, Richmond 2, Fresno County 65, Fresno 37, Glenn County 4, Willows 113, Humboldt County 47, Eureka 1, Imperial County 1, Calexico 5, El Centro 2, Kern County 14, Taft 1, Lassen County 17, Los Angeles County 242, Alhambra 6, Arcadia 2, Beverly Hills 2, Compton 8, Covina 4, Culver City 19, El Monte 2, El Segundo 12, Glendale 22, Glendora 1, Huntington Park 17, Inglewood 8, Long Beach 5, Los Angeles 576, Monrovia 13, Montebello 2, Pasadena 24, Pomona 3, Redondo 8, San Gabriel 1, Santa Monica 31, South Pasadena 1, Whittier 2, Lynwood 2, South Gate 35, Monterey Park 1, Maywood 5, Bell 23, Gardena 2, Madera County 3, Madera 7, Merced County 1, Monterey County 6, Napa County 55, Napa 10, Grass Valley 1, Orange County 4, La Habra 3, Placentia 4, Placer County 10, Riverside County 6, Corona 9, Riverside 30, Sacramento County 24, Sacramento 21, San Bernardino County 1, Chino 1, Redlands 1, San Bernardino 32, Escondido 32, La Mesa 1, National City 2, San Diego 18, San Francisco 421, San Joaquin County 4, Manteca 2, Stockton 1, San Luis Obispo County 12, Paso Robles 1, Burlingame 15, Daly City 21, San Bruno 3, San Mateo 5, South San Francisco 13, Belmont 1, Santa Barbara County 1, Santa Barbara 15, Santa Maria 1, Santa Clara County 71, Gilroy 7, Morgan Hill 2, Palo Alto 4, San Jose 39, Redding 3, Siskiyou County 1, Solano County 2, Benicia 13, Vacaville 6, Sonoma County 1, Santa Rosa 2, Sutter County 2, Tulare County 2, Porterville 1, Ventura County 2, Fillmore 18, Santa Paula 1, Ventura 1, Yolo County 3, Woodland 2.

#### Mumps

551 cases: Alameda County 3, Albany 6, Berkeley 9, Oakland 16, Piedmont 1, Pleasanton 1, Chico 2, Calaveras County 1, Colusa 2, Pinole 1, Pittsburg 3, Fresno County 22, Fresno 15, Glenn County 1, Orland 3, Willows 3, Kern County 21, Bakersfield 1, Kings County 3, Lassen County 2, Los Angeles County 31, Alhambra 1, Claremont 5, Culver City 3, Huntington Park 1, La Verne 2, Long Beach 52, Los Angeles 82, Montebello 1, Pasadena 2, Pomona 16, Santa Monica 3, Sierra Madre 1, South Pasadena 13, Whittier 1, Torrance 7, Monterey Park 2, Maywood 1, Gustine 1, Modoc County 2, Monterey County 1, Napa County 1, Napa 1, Grass Valley 1, Nevada City 1, Orange County 6, Anaheim 2, Fullerton 3, Santa Ana 11, Auburn 1, Plumas County 1, Riverside County 4, Corona 33, Riverside 14, Sacramento County 3, Sacramento 32, San Bernardino County 1, Chino 1, Ontario 5, San Bernardino 2, San Diego 8, San Francisco 1, San Joaquin County 8, Lodi 1, Stockton 1, Burlingame 1, Santa Barbara 9, Santa Clara County 1, San Jose 4, Willow Glenn 1, Santa Cruz County 3, Shasta County 4, Sierra County 2, Siskiyou County 2, Dixon 1, Sonoma County 3, Stanislaus County 13, Modesto 1, Sutter County 3, Yuba City 1,

Tehama County 3, Red Bluff 2, Tulare County 2, Ventura County 7, Santa Paula 1, Yolo County 1.

#### Pneumonia (Lobar)

126 cases: Berkeley 2, Oakland 4, Martinez 1, Fresno County 3, Ferndale 1, Kern County 2, Bakersfield 1, Los Angeles County 8, Claremont 1, Compton 1, Glendale 1, Glendora 1, Huntington Park 1, Long Beach 2, Los Angeles 45, Montebello 2, Pasadena 3, Santa Monica 1, Napa County 2, Orange County 1, Santa Ana 1, Riverside County 1, Riverside 1, Sacramento County 1, Sacramento 1, San Diego County 1, San Diego 5, San Francisco 8, Lodi 1, Manteca 2, San Luis Obispo County 2, Paso Robles 1, San Carlos 1, Santa Barbara 2, Santa Clara County 1, San Jose 2, Sonoma County 10, Santa Rosa 1, Exeter 1.

#### Scarlet Fever

438 cases: Alameda County 3, Alameda 4, Berkeley 3, Oakland 7, San Leandro 1, Amador County 1, Chico 4, Contra Costa County 2, Pittsburg 1, Fresno County 2, Fresno 2, Humboldt County 1, Imperial County 2, El Centro 1, Kern County 5, Kings County 1, Los Angeles County 16, Alhambra 2, Beverly Hills 1, Burbank 3, Glendale 2, Huntington Park 1, Long Beach 10, Los Angeles 123, Monrovia 2, Montebello 1, Pasadena 3, Pomona 1, Santa Monica 3, Sierra Madre 2, South Pasadena 3, Whittier 1, Torrance 1, Lynwood 2, Monterey Park 1, Maywood 1, Madera County 3, Merced County 4, Modoc County 1, Grass Valley 1, Nevada City 1, Orange County 8, Anaheim 1, Huntington Beach 1, Seal Beach 1, Placer County 1, Riverside County 4, Riverside 5, Sacramento County 2, Sacramento 6, San Bernardino County 5, Ontario 1, Redlands 1, San Bernardino 8, National City 1, San Diego 13, San Francisco 71, San Joaquin County 4, Stockton 3, Tracy 1, San Mateo County 1, Burlingame 1, Daly City 7, Redwood City 1, San Bruno 1, San Mateo 2, South San Francisco 1, Santa Clara County 4, San Jose 2, Dixon 2, Sonoma County 6, Petaluma 3, Ceres 9, Modesto 1, Oakdale 1, Tehama County 2, Tulare County 4, Exeter 1, Tulare 6, Ventura County 2, Santa Paula 1, Ventura 3, Yolo County 3, Davis 3, Winters 2, Woodland 1, Marysville 2.

#### Smallpox

One case: Pacific Grove.

#### Typhoid Fever

6 cases: Pittsburg 2, Fresno 1, Los Angeles County 1, Los Angeles 1, San Francisco 1.

#### Whooping Cough

200 cases: Alameda County 2, Alameda 13, Albany 1, Berkeley 9, Oakland 14, Piedmont 1, Fresno County 4, Kern County 2, Kings County 3, Los Angeles County 12, Alhambra 1, Beverly Hills 2, Compton 6, Glendale 1, Huntington Park 2, Long Beach 9, Los Angeles 15, Monterey County 5, Monterey 4, Nevada City 12, Orange County 3, Brea 1, Fullerton 2, Santa Ana 2, Seal Beach 2, Riverside 2, Sacramento 4, Redlands 1, San Diego County 2, San Diego 36, San Francisco 13, San Joaquin County 2, Stockton 2, Santa Clara County 2, Gilroy 2, Palo Alto 2, San Jose 3, Ventura 1.

#### Meningitis (Epidemic)

11 cases: Fresno County 1, Los Angeles 5, San Diego 1, San Francisco 3, San Joaquin County 1.

#### Dysentery (Amoebic)

One case: California.\*

#### Dysentery (Bacillary)

3 cases: Kern County 1, Los Angeles 1, Modesto 1.

#### Poliomyelitis

4 cases: Imperial County 1, Los Angeles 2, Dorris 1.

#### Tetanus

3 cases: Los Angeles 1, Redondo 1, San Francisco 1.

#### Trachoma

8 cases: Los Angeles 1, Santa Maria 7.

#### Jaundice (Epidemic)

One case: Colusa.

#### Food Poisoning

5 cases: San Francisco.

#### Undulant Fever

3 cases: San Bernardino 2, San Diego 1.

#### Coccidioid Granuloma

One case: San Diego.

#### Septic Sore Throat (Epidemic)

3 cases: San Leandro 1, Los Angeles County 1, San Francisco 1.

#### Rabies (Animal)

19 cases: Los Angeles County 4, Compton 3, Glendale 1, Inglewood 1, Los Angeles 7, San Diego 2, San Joaquin County 1.

\* Cases charged to "California" represent patients ill before entering the state or those who contracted their illness traveling about the state throughout the incubation period of the disease. These cases are not chargeable to any one locality.

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